

**MINUTES  
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 7 members present, 5 absent.  
From District II, there were 9 members present, 8 absent.  
From District III, there were 9 members present, 5 absent.  
From District IV, there were 13 members present, 3 absent.  
From District V, there were 15 members present, 2 absent.  
From District VI, there were 13 members present, 3 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Buchesky, Conze, DuPont, Dweck, Henderson.

The absentees from District II were: Bacon, Ebrahimi, Finn, Hoffman, Marston, Matton, Mundt, B. Thorne.

The absentees from District III were: Camuti, Cepeda, Foley, Hegarty, Maroney.

The absentees from District IV were: Cameron, Domittner, Millar.

The absentees from District V were: Boulton, Fead.

The absentees from District VI were: Ball, McLean, Young.

The Moderator, Sarah Seelye, assumed the Chair.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**\*\* THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

**\*\* THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Rajczewski said that a letter would be going out asking for committee reports, as well as one requesting nominations for the Ethics Committee and Moderator. Re the election next Tuesday, she reviewed the status of the districts, as follows:

District I      11 vacancies, 4 candidates  
District II     11 vacancies, 2 candidates  
District III    10 vacancies, 6 candidates  
District IV     7 vacancies, 6 candidates

District V 9 vacancies, 8 candidates  
District VI 9 vacancies, 6 candidates

She said that two people have come forward as write-in candidates for Districts I and III. Anyone else who is interested should come to the Town Clerk's Office.

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson read an update on the Town's preparedness for the Ebola situation (attached).

**14-19**

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF 32 HOYT STREET  
PROPERTY ABUTTING HOLMES SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATION OF \$775,000  
FROM THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF 32 HOYT STREET**

**\*\* JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE & BUDGET,  
MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has an interest in purchasing property known as 32 Hoyt Street, Darien, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, 32 Hoyt Street became available on the open market and presents an opportunity to the Town to acquire property which is adjacent to other municipally owned land; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this site is in keeping with prior Town of Darien Plan of Conservation and Development as the site is contiguous to other Town owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has endorsed the acquisition of the 32 Hoyt Street property.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM of the Town of Darien hereby approves the purchase of 32 Hoyt Street for a price of \$775,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RTM of the Town of Darien approves a special appropriation of \$775,000.00 from the General Fund fund balance for the purpose of financing the purchase of 32 Hoyt Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RTM of the Town of Darien authorizes the First Selectman to enter into a contract and execute other appropriate and necessary documents for the acquisition of said property.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of Finance & Budget, read that Committee's report (attached).

Peter Kelly, District I, Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, read the Committee report (attached).

Joanne Hennessey, District V, Chairman of PZ&H, read the committee report (attached).

James Patrick, District V, Chairman of Public Health & Safety, said that they had met that evening, but did not feel there was a safety issue. The Sense of the Meeting was that there was no safety issue.

**\*\* JOANNE HENNESSEY, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF PZ&H, MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT (14-19A):**

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WHEREAS, a concern has been expressed by some that the single family residence existing on the property should be demolished in order to avoid possible safety issues and additional costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM Resolution number 14-19 be amended to provide as a condition of the purchase, that the structures on said property be demolished in the reasonably near future, and that in the interim said structures not be used by the Board of Education or any Town Board, Commission or Agency.

All other aspects of Resolution 14-19 hereby remain unchanged.

Holly Schulz-Amatruda, District III, agreed that there were no safety issues. Neighbors would rather the money be used for real safety issues, such as walking on streets with no sidewalks.

Lois Schneider, District I, said she supported the acquisition of the property but opposed the amendment. The use of this property is up to the elected officials. There is no study and has been no discussion of the use of this property. She recommended rejection of the amendment.

Seth Morton, District III, said he had voted against this amendment in committee and will vote against it tonight. The Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen are in charge, and he would be reluctant to trump that. The security issues raised related to traffic, which goes away once they own the property. He urged defeat of the amendment.

Ellyn Coyne, District V, said she did not understand why the traffic pattern did not apply to everyone entering that parking lot. She was not in favor of having an empty house on a school lot.

Cheryl Russell, District V, said there is the possibility of three classrooms on the site. The site could be used for "swing space", a term that she has never heard of before and was referred to by Dr. Pierson. She had no problem with purchasing this property; however, parking and safety is an issue. She asked why they want this house to be used for possible teacher/staff meetings and/or supplies. She supports this amendment.

Betsy Haggerty-Ross, Chairman of the Board of Education, said she did not know about this amendment until tonight. This land gives them flexibility for expansion if needed. They are doing a long term facilities study. Swing space is space you use because you have to move children in and out of buildings. It could be used before they need portables. They are possibly looking at maybe taking some of their instructional people currently at 35 Leroy and moving them to this space, but nothing is set in stone. A decision does not have to be made tonight. The Board of Education is doing a long term study.

Lucy Fiore, District IV, asked what was first and the cost of the study. Mrs. Haggerty-Ross said that the cost, for the entire Board of Education, is \$60,000.

Tom Moore, District III, said he supported the amendment. This property should not be purchased to provide housing for the Board of Education.

Nancy Coyle Downs, District III, said the study should be done.

Spencer McIlMurray, District II, said he had voted for the amendment in committee. If there is swing space use of this facility, no one has talked about costs or if there are any other issues such as mold, asbestos, etc. The house should be demolished.

Rob Young, District V, said this building would come down eventually. He voted against the amendment in PZ&H. Let the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education decide this.

Cheryl Russell, District V, asked why they are not using the downstairs space at 35 Leroy. If you are going to leave an abandoned building next to a school, that is a safety issue. If it is to be renovated, they still have to pay utilities, etc. If they renovate it, they will then have to tear it down later.

Mark Adiletta, District V, said he supported the amendment. He cannot understand what use this building would have for the Board of Education or any other Town department. Costs to bring an old home up to code are staggering.

Joseph Miceli, District IV, said he was on the School Building Committee in 1993 when they renovated Holmes School. He asked how many sections there are at Holmes, and Mrs. Hagerty-Ross responded that there were 25 or 26. Mr. Miceli said that Holmes was renovated for 22 classrooms with room for 3 more. Holmes is already overcrowded. \$775,000 is being spent, and none of it is for kids. Where are the advocates for kids?

Mrs. Hagerty-Ross said they are not keeping the house. They want to see what the study recommends. They would have to come back to the RTM for funds to knock down the house if that is the decision. They are not saying keep the house because they want to keep administrators there. This is a town-wide study, and it is for our children. They are going to Milone & McBroom because they want to make a long-term decision.

Callie Sullivan, Board of Education, said that Mr. Miceli was out of line. Mrs. Hagerty-Ross has worked hard, and the Board of Education wants to have options. They need the time to make sure they are doing the right thing.

**\*\* JACK DAVIS, DISTRICT III, CALLED THE QUESTION.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**  
**\*\* MOTION FAILED BY HAND VOTE.**

William Peters, District IV, asked if the owner of the house would be moving out of the house if the RTM fails to approve the resolution or the amendment.

Shedd Glassmeyer, District I, asked if the Board of Education would have to come back to the RTM to renovate the house. John Zygodzky, Board of Finance, said this would have to come back to the Board of Finance and then to the RTM.

Joseph Miceli, District IV, asked who says that the Board of Education can't move money around in its own budget and do whatever it wants to do. Mr. Zygodzky, Board of Finance, said once a budget is approved for the Board of Education, they can use it however they want. However, for Capital projects, they have to go to the Board of Finance.

Holly Schulz-Amatruda, District III, said she was for the amendment, but not the resolution. 33 Leroy can be used for extra storage. Adding another building seems like a real mistake.

Susan Lehan, District V, a Holmes School parent, said securing the building and making the property safe is the major priority. There is an ongoing study, and people should not make a decision motivated by fear. They are trying to be prudent and responsible.

Joseph Warren, Town resident, spoke in favor of the resolution. They have known for 20 years that they wanted to acquire this property. They have known for a year that they were going to acquire this property. He supported the resolution but not the amendment. Expansion of Holmes School depends on expansion of the property. This building serves no useful purpose to the town. He then said he changed his mind and supported both.

Walter Casey, Town resident, asked if there was an issue with drug needles at this house. The attractive nuisance would be taken away by demolition of the house, which he recommended.

Margaret Hayes, Town resident and Holmes School parent, said one accident at Holmes is too many. They already have two portables, and demolition of the house opens up room for expansion. If the Town doesn't buy the house, how do we know who is going to buy it? Used needles from the current owners have been found on the playground.

Richard Grindle, Town resident, said there is an alternative use for this building that would increase traffic. The only way to insure safety is to demolish the house.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment.

**\*\* ITEM 14-19A (AMENDMENT), CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 33 IN FAVOR, 32 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Discussion next took place on the resolution as amended.

Jay Hardison, District IV, said he was for purchasing the property but against the price. He found it shocking that they identified this property in 2006 but had no plan in place.

Clara Sartori, District II, asked whether the building inspection showed any asbestos, lead paint, etc. that would have to be taken into consideration when demolition takes place. Town Counsel Fox said no inspection has taken place.

**\*\* ITEM 14-19 (RESOLUTION AS AMENDED) CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 61 IN FAVOR, 3 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

**\*\* UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN AT 10 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois  
Telesco Secretarial Services

APPENDIX

DISTRICT I

Buchesky  
Bumgardner  
Conologue  
Conze  
Dupont  
Dweck  
Glassmeyer  
Hayes  
Henderson  
Kelly  
Schneider  
van der Kieft

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DISTRICT IV

Banks  
Cameron  
Davis, Joan  
Domittner  
Fiore  
Haidinger  
Hardison  
Hawkins  
Kemp  
Miceli  
Millar  
Morrison  
Peters  
Rayhill  
Rycenga  
Savage

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DISTRICT II

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Hoffman  
Howe  
Keith  
Marston  
Matton  
McIlmurray  
McNally  
Miller  
Mundt  
Sartori  
Sawitsky  
Seelye  
Thorne, B.  
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DISTRICT V

Adiletta  
Bayne  
Boulton  
Burke  
Coyne  
Duffy  
Fead  
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Hennessy  
LeHan  
Lublin  
McLachlin  
Mosher  
Patrick  
Russell  
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Young, Rob

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DISTRICT VI

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Cherico  
Grogan  
Hawkins  
Luz  
McDermott  
McLean  
Palen  
Plehaty  
Poli  
Ritchie  
Swenson  
Van Loan  
Whitehead  
Young, David

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DISTRICT III

Anderson  
Camuti  
Cardone  
Cepeda  
Conniff  
Coyle  
Coyle Downs  
Davis  
Foley  
Hegarty  
Maroney  
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## For Immediate Release

Ebola Preparedness-Town of Darien  
October 24, 2014

In an effort to be proactive in the face of the potential threat posed by Ebola, Governor Malloy has directed any person who has traveled from Liberia, Guinea and/or Sierra Leone to Connecticut, be "quarantined" for 21 days. Connecticut was the first state in the U.S. to mandate quarantines for travelers from the affected areas of West Africa.

So, what does "quarantine" mean to the public?

First and foremost, a quarantined individual is NOT sick. The purpose of quarantine, as stated by the CDC, is to monitor at risk individuals who show no signs of illness. This is a precautionary measure to protect the public in the event that individual begins to show signs of a communicable illness. For 21 days, the individual(s) being quarantined are to remain at home, away from the public, and local health officials are required to check in with these individuals at least twice a day to record their temperatures and monitor how they are feeling. Again, these people are not sick but if any changes are noted, appropriate care can be provided quickly and safely.

To address the Governor's directive (and the potential threat posed by Ebola), the Town of Darien has taken the following steps:

- As First Selectman, I have convened regular meetings with the Health Department, Emergency Management Director, Emergency Responders including Post 53, Police & Fire Departments to facilitate an organized response, sensitive to public health and safety, should a situation arise.
- As CEO, I am participating in on-going regional discussions to ensure an organized regional approach to any emergency.
- Department of Health, Emergency Management Director/Assistant Director, Post 53, Darien Police, Darien Fire and the First Selectman participate in all state, regional and local meetings, conference calls and discussions on the topic of Ebola and continue to monitor the situation and advise me of any issues or concerns.
- Post 53 is following all State Department of Health recommendations and is being advised by both Stamford and Norwalk Hospitals. Protocols are in place for the care and transport of any confirmed or at-risk patients.
- Stamford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Post 53 have participated in the Governor's mandated Ebola response drills and are ready to provide specialized care.
- Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols have been updated to insure appropriate patient response and responder safety.
- Ebola preparedness information has been shared with all local healthcare providers.

According to our Medical advisor, Caleb Moore, M.D., "Given the fact that the current criteria for quarantining individuals is simply due to the risk posed by travel from affected regions, it is highly unlikely that the majority of individuals who are quarantined are infected with Ebola. Consequently, these individuals pose little risk to the public."

Thank you.

Jayne Stevenson  
First Selectman, Town of Darien

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[www.ct.gov/ebola](http://www.ct.gov/ebola)



**Finance & Budget Committee**  
**Report to RTM, October 27, 2014**

**(14-19) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 32 HOYT STREET AS REQUESTED BY THE DARIEN BOARD  
OF EDUCATION FOR THE PRICE OF \$775,000 AND REFERAL OF SAME TO  
THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee.

The F&B committee met on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with 11 of 15 members present for a joint meeting with the RTM Education Committee as well as representatives of the Darien Board of Education and the Board of Selectman and Town Counsel to discuss Resolution 14-19.

I will assume that most members here tonight have read through the materials that were distributed last week and posted on the town's website, but by way of background and for those watching on TV79, I will given a brief background.

In September 2013, just over a year ago, the property at 32 Hoyt Street was listed for sale for a price of \$985,000. It is a 0.25 acre property located just northwest of Holmes School with 4 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths and just over 2,000 sq ft of living space. This property sits directly inside the 4 acres owned by the town immediately adjacent to the 5 acres that Holmes School sits on – and together form a 9 acre lot.

Shortly after being listed for sale, the town began discussions with the current owner about the town's potential acquisition of the property. As required by the charter, the town obtained an appraisal of the property to determine its current market value. This appraisal was commissioned by the town's counsel and was conducted by Kerin and Fazio LLC. The appraisal was delivered on October 3, 2013 and included an actual inspection of the house and property and the development of specific sales comparables - the appraisal estimated the market value at \$775,000. At or around the same time, the town was completing its 5-year cycle of tax assessments which includes the re-appraisal of all properties in town, however these appraisals do not involve the actual inspection of the house's interior and do not rely on specific sales comps but is developed by a black-box approach which accounts for things such as size of house, size of property and condition of the house among other characteristics. This more generic valuation generated a valuation of \$639,300. The differences in these appraisals can be

attributed to a number of variables. The tax appraisal was generic and did not inspect the house; the tax appraisal listed the structure as fair and the market value appraisal that included an inspection of the property listed it as average; there were two different appraisers; the timing of the appraisals was different – all of which can contribute to the \$135,000 differential.

During the following 12 months, the owner of the house lowered the listing price from \$985,000 to \$959,000 and then finally to \$824,900 – after which the town and the owner ultimately agreed on a price of \$775,000 - equal to the market value appraisal of the home and property.

The town's acquisition of the 32 Hoyt Street property was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission in October 2013 and then in the past 45 days supported by the Board of Education (unanimously), the Board of Selectman (one abstention) and by the Board of Finance (unanimously).

The Board of Education's primary stated reason for supporting the purchase is that of the safety and security of the students at Holmes School. This property is located immediately adjacent to the Holmes school (60 ft at the closest point) and is completely surrounded by town owned property. The owner of the home enjoys a right-of-way that allows the residents to drive to the home at any time, without having to follow the recommended traffic patterns of the Holmes parking lot. The administration believes that this house being located at such close proximity to the school is a dangerous situation and could pose difficulties in an emergency situation as the school is unable to control the property in a lock-down situation. Our committee received many letters from residents and listened to speakers at our meeting that all echoed the administration's concerns over the safety issues.

In addition to the safety issues, the BOE and Town officials believe that owning this property and therefore opening up the 4 acres of land immediately adjacent to the Holmes school, would present significant flexibility to the extent Holmes school is expanded to accommodate our school's growing student population. The BOE is in the initial phase of a district wide facilities study being conducted by Malone & McBroom to look at how it can best utilize the current facilities for our growing student population and what options it has for expansion of the number of classrooms. At this time the administration and Town have not finalized plans for the 32 Hoyt Street property or expansion of the schools. The decision as to demolishing or repurposing the 32 Hoyt Street structure to house administration or supplies has not been made yet.

As far as other capital costs and opportunity costs, the town administrator has estimated that the cost of demolishing the structure would be less than \$100,000 based on similar projects. The costs of repurposing the structure will vary based on what, or if, the town decides to use the property for. The current property owner pays \$6,717 in property taxes, which if purchased by the town, would no longer be collected.

A few things to point out regarding the town's purchase:

- This property was specifically listed in the Town's 2006 Plan as a parcel that the town should acquire as it is contiguous to town owned property on all sides and is strategic for further school expansion;
- Regardless of the appraised value, the town's purchase of the property is a negotiation between the owner and the town, with the help of its advisors;
- The property is available for sale today, and may not be again in the future.

Financially speaking, if approved, the Board of Finance is expected to fund the acquisition of the property from cash on hand in the general fund, which currently stands at [\$17mm], in excess of the 10% of the prior budget which is the stated target. This means that next years budget will not necessarily be increased as a result of the acquisition, although if the BOF decided to later bond for the purchase as part of a larger acquisition, it may add to our debt service.

With 11 of 15 members present, 10 voted in favor and 1 against, the town's proposed acquisition of 32 Hoyt Street.

Thank you.

James Palen  
Chair, Finance & Budget Committee  
October 27, 2014

Good evening, I am Peter Kelly, Vice Chair of the Education committee of the RTM. The committee held a special meeting with the RTM Finance and Budget committee on Monday, October 20th 2014. Present were BOE Chair Betsy Hagerty-Ross, BOE members Heather Shea & Christa McNamara. Michael Lynch and Michael Feeney of the Administration. First selectman Jayme Stevenson and fellow selectman Susan Marks and town Counsel Wayne Fox.

We discussed the purchase of 32 Hoyt Street and the advantages of acquiring the property. These include safety as there is not a private home surrounded by school property. The easement of the property currently allows the homeowner, workers and guests of homeowner to bypass traffic patterns which could cause an accident or worse.

Purchasing the property would allow for possible expansion of the school if necessary by removing the current setbacks. The purchase would also allow for access of other town property which is currently in-accessible without crossing over the property of 32 Hoyt Street.

The committee voted in favor of the motion to purchase: 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions and recommends the Full RTM do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kelly

## Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee Report

### Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of the Property known as 32 Hoyt Street

The Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee met on Tuesday, October 14 , with 12 of 14 members present, comprising a quorum. We discussed the merits of the Town acquiring 32 Hoyt Street. While there was significant resistance to the price being paid, this was outweighed by the concerns about safety and the flexibility for future planning offered by the purchase. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

The committee met again on Monday, October 27, with 11 out of 14 members present, comprising a quorum. As a result of feedback received after the last meeting, an amendment to the resolution to acquire 32 Hoyt Street was proposed to insure that the house on the property would be torn down and not repurposed. Safety is a main concern expressed by the BOE justifying the purchase. Letters from parents supporting the purchase consistently commented on the traffic into and out of the property. The First Selectman expressed safety concerns if the property were to undergo construction. The other concern is the increased expenses to the Town if the house were to stand. It would have to be maintained, and if repurposed would require significant investment and construction traffic. The BOE in their estimate of usage was definite that children would not be using the house, that any uses would be administrative.

The committee voted on an amendment to the resolution to purchase to require that the structure at 32 Hoyt Street be demolished in a reasonable period and not repurposed for any other use by any Town body.

The committee voted 8 in favor and 3 opposed to support the amendment and present it to the full RTM.

AMENDMENT TO RTM RESOLUTION (14-19)  
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE  
PROPERTY KNOWN AS 32 HOYT STREET

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has an interest in purchasing property known as 32 Hoyt Street, Darien, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, 32 Hoyt Street became available on the open market and presents an opportunity to the Town to acquire property which is adjacent to other municipally owned land; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this site is in keeping with prior Town of Darien Plan of Conservation and Development as the site is contiguous to other Town owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has endorsed the acquisition of the 32 Hoyt Street property.

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